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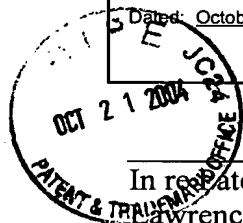
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Lawrence J. Cook

Application No.: 10/707,731

Art Unit: 1734

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Examiner: George R. Koch

For: PNEUMATICALLY ACTUATED ASSEMBLY
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement (dated September 23, 2004), applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the claims associated with the proposed invention (claims 12-17) for further prosecution on the merits.

As noted in MPEP 803, an application may be properly restricted to one of two or more claimed inventions only if they are able to support separate patents and they are either independent (MPEP § 806.04 -§ 806.04(i)) or distinct (MPEP § 806.05 -§ 806.05(i)). If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. In the present case, Invention II is elected with traverse since it is believed that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3145, under Order No. 209518-82935 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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